

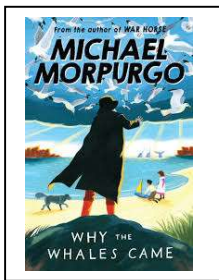
## RIEVAULX YEAR 5/6

Welcome back to you all! I hope you have had a fantastic summer spending time with your family and friends.

As a new member of staff here at Sessay, I very much look forward to getting to know your children and meeting yourselves.

Throughout the course of the year I hope your children continue to work hard and strive to be the best they can be, as well as having plenty of fun along the way!

Every morning I will be teaching your children; on an afternoon they will join the Year 4 children to be taught by Mrs Sowray, with support from Mrs Bentley or Mrs Harper.



Our English work this half term will be based upon a core text; 'Why the Whales Came' by Michael Morpurgo which I hope the children will really enjoy. We will be using the text as a stimulus for many writing genres, including: non-chronological reports, short stories and letters.

Swimming will start on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September for YEAR 5**, please make sure that your child has their swimming kit (costumes and trunks only), a towel and goggles if they need them.

YEAR 6 pupils will remain in school and we will be focusing on Reading comprehension and ESPAG during this time.



Please can children keep their P.E. kits in school each week. This term, they will also need tracksuit bottoms or dark leggings, a school hoodie and proper trainers for outdoor sessions - I don't want anyone getting cold.

Our P.E. session will be on a Thursday this half term.

I will be teaching science this year, on a morning, and our focus for this half term is on **Living things**. We will be learning about classification of plants and animals and we will also be looking at micro-organisms in detail.

My planning and preparation time (PPA) will be on a Tuesday morning, for an hour. During this time **Mr Houghton** will teach the class; he will be teaching Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation.

Mrs Sowray's planning and preparation time (PPA) will be on a Tuesday afternoon. During this time, **Mr Houghton** will teach the class; he will be teaching French and music this year.



**Homework** will be given out on a **FRIDAY** and collected in the following **THURSDAY**. It is expected that all children will complete their homework on time. Children who don't, will have to complete it on a Thursday lunchtime. Homework will usually consist a reading comprehension and spellings but there will be some more creative homework from time to time! Year 6 will also have maths task each week.

(If you can save a shoe box as soon as possible, that would be great!)

**This first half term, Miss Bennett will be at Sessay on a Monday and Thursday.**

**Dates for your diaries so far...**

6<sup>th</sup> September - swimming starts

18<sup>th</sup> September - school photographs

20<sup>th</sup> September - Harvest Festival

27<sup>th</sup> September - Macmillan coffee morning

30<sup>th</sup> September - Life Skills Enrichment Week

Please don't hesitate to ask if there is anything you are unsure about.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Watson